

# GULF DEFENDER



## In brief

### Change of command

Col. Derek Hess, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group commander, will relinquish command to Col. Michael Winslow in a ceremony at 9 a.m. today in Hangar 5. All are welcome to attend.

### Promotion party

There will be a staff sergeant select promotion party 3 p.m. today at the Zone in the Enlisted Club. All are welcome to attend and congratulate Tyndall's newest NCOs.

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2nd Lt. William Powell

## School days

Tashanah Kinney, left, Shawyn Foster, Justin Crawford and Kris Foster make their way to their classrooms Tuesday morning at Tyndall Elementary School. School began Aug. 4 and Tyndall personnel are reminded to drive cautiously through base housing and watch out for children waiting for their bus.

# Tyndall's top OSI agent receives Bronze Star

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Air Force Office of Special Investigations agent here was awarded the Bronze Star medal Aug. 4 during a ceremony in the Operations Group conference room.

Maj. Marty DeStazio, AFOSI Detachment 419 commander, received the nation's fourth highest combat medal for meritorious service during his deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Major DeStazio set up and served as commander for the first Balad AFOSI unit where he and his nine-member team were responsible for collecting counterintelligence to thwart planned terrorist and insurgent attacks on the former Iraqi air base.

For nearly five months, Major DeStazio traveled outside the security of the base

to talk with Iraqis to learn who planned to harm Americans and the base. Then he reported that information, and action was taken to neutralize the threat.

"We had a lot of different customers," he said, referring to the number of people who needed his information. "It wasn't just the Air Force. The Army is very big there, and there's probably a total of 30,000 Americans working there. It's quite a large presence and quite a large target."

Responsible for being the "eyes and ears" for the commanders on the ground, the major's team had their work cut out for them.

"We were mortared and rocketed pretty frequently, and it's still that way today," Major DeStazio said.

But when his team went out to gather intelligence to help reduce the mortar and



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**Maj. Marty DeStazio, Air Force Office of Special Investigations agent, shakes hands with Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, after being presented the Bronze Star at a ceremony here Aug. 4.**

rocket attacks, they went without additional security personnel.

"We had our own tactics for providing

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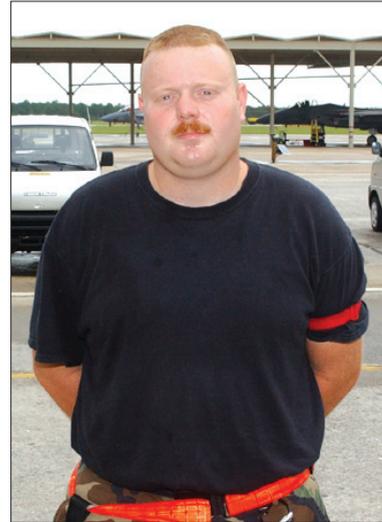
2nd Lt. William Powell

### Tyndall talent

Master Sgt. Craig Hall, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency firefighter, entertains the crowd with a song during Tyndall Idol Aug. 5 at the Enlisted Club. Sergeant Hall and 11 other contestants will compete again at 6 p.m. tonight at the Enlisted Club. Turn to page 15 for more on who remains in the competition.

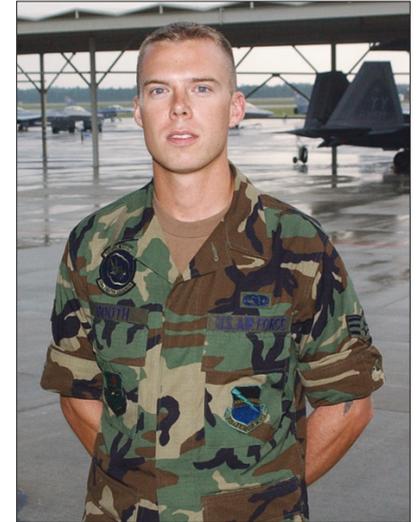
## ON THE STREET

### What do you most like about being a crew chief?



“The best part is fixing an aircraft and making it fly.”

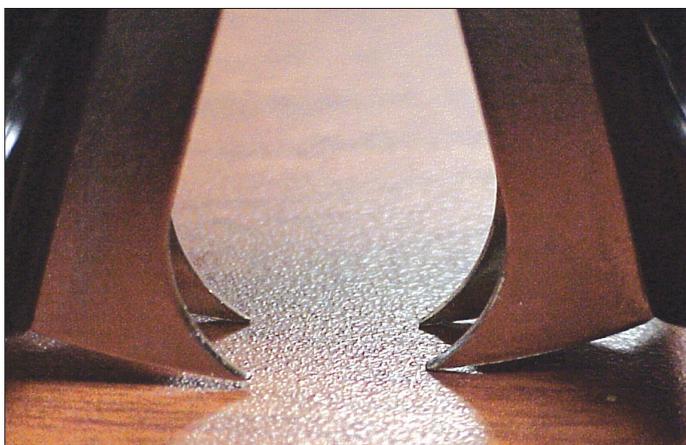
STAFF SGT. ALLEN BABE  
1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit



“I like knowing that bad people everywhere fear our cause.”

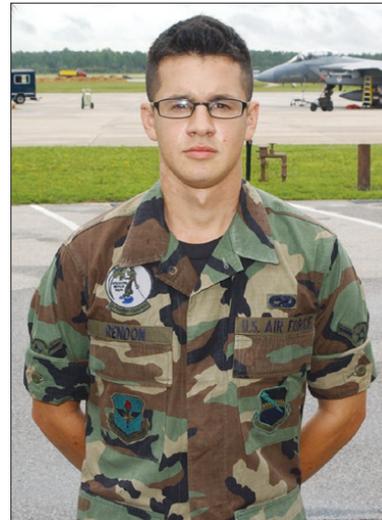
SENIOR AIRMAN JASON BOOTH  
43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

## Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to [editor@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:editor@tyndall.af.mil) with “Identify This” in the subject line. The first correct e-mail will receive a ‘prize’ from the wing Public Affairs office and have their name published in next week’s issue.

The winner for the Aug. 5 “Identify This” is Capt. David Harris, 325th Operations Support Squadron. He correctly guessed that the photo was of a telephone earpiece. Congratulations, Captain Harris! Come and claim your prize!



“I like launching out the jet, because it’s entertaining for the pilots and crew chiefs.”

AIRMAN SAM RENDON  
2nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit



“The best part is being able to physically see that the work I do makes a difference and serves a purpose.”

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
NIKELLE MITCHELL  
95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

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# Leaders need to leave e-mail, see their troops

**LT. COL. JAMES RICHTER**

325th Operations Support Squadron

E-mail. A wonderful technology tool that can boost productivity, speed communications across great distances and allow users to move taskers and projects in a paperless environment.

Clearly, it has changed the way we conduct business and our lives in ways we couldn't have projected more than ten years ago. But alarmingly I see an increased negative trend resulting from this tool.

As a crusty lieutenant colonel, I'm often asked how we could have possibly operated years ago without it. The answer is simple: We spent a lot less time at our desk, and a more of it among our fellow Airmen. And as my esteemed colleague in the 1st Fighter Squadron states, "We won two world wars without it."

Ask yourself if any of the following sounds familiar. Do you spend more than two to three hours a day managing e-mail and communicating by it? Have you ever been asked if you've got a tasker complete or an answer to

a question that you have no idea about — because you were out doing the job and the question/task arrived by e-mail during that time? Have you ever received an e-mail from somebody within your organization that sits within 20 feet of your desk, and they could've walked over to you and communicated in person?

As a manager, supervisor, or commander, do you find yourself increasingly tasking or directing by e-mail — mainly because it's convenient, and it can be done after normal duty hours or when no one answers the phone? Do your people recognize you by your e-mail signature block or by your presence and leadership?

If any of the previous e-mail traits applies to you, then you may be insidiously sliding into a realm of less effective leadership. And for nearly all of us, the more dependence we have on e-mail, the more our verbal and written communication skills deteriorate.

E-mail is meant to increase our productivity, efficiency, and reduce workload. It was intended to allow us more time to actually work

at our mission and for supervisors to spend more time with their Airmen. But quite often the opposite is true. The speed and convenience at which we can fill a system with info can rapidly bog down the efficiency of any unit. The problem is so prevalent that several senior Air Force leaders have reminded us to get out from behind the desk and get back into the field.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, once said, "In this Air Force, leadership is an analog skill in a digital world. But there is no substitute for face-to-face contact — being out on the flightline in the middle of the night when it's pouring rain, sticking your noggin up in the engine bay with the crew chief and asking them what's going on. It's face-to-face human interaction leadership. My dad, a retired two-star general, used to say 90 percent of great leadership is just being there."

"In ACC, we don't have digital leadership," said Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander. "We don't have people in a three-point stance in their office, with their mouse in their hand, ready to kick the you-

know-what out of their next e-mail. I want people who leave that e-mail alone and get outside to be with people."

Clear, concise communication is required at every Air Force level, and misunderstandings can occur in any type of communication. However, with e-mail, misunderstandings can be especially prevalent. Needless or carelessly crafted e-mails can destroy a message and productivity in a cyberflash. Because it is impossible to see or hear an e-mail's author, what may be perfectly harmless words can be interpreted as extremely offensive. Regardless, face-to-face dialogue or a simple phone call could prevent miscommunication or lasting damage. You are able to use voice changes, comment rephrasing, and body language that promotes further communication and understanding.

Perhaps more importantly, face-to-face communication increases your time with fellow Airmen, improves communication skills, and makes you a better supervisor and leader. In short, use e-mail wisely, apply proper netiquette and get back out there.

## Liberty and justice for all ... here and in Iraq

**CAPT. TRACEY HOWELL-LAPALME**

407th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron commander

**ALI BASE, Iraq (AFP)** — "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with ..."

On Sept. 16, 1996, I spoke those words along with 3,000 other immigrants. As I cradled my 6-week-old daughter in my left arm, I held up my right hand to be sworn in as one of America's newest citizens. That day was a defining moment in my life.

I had left England six years before to come to the United States, like millions of immigrants before me,

in the hope of seeking independence and opportunities that, because of my "class," I could scarcely hope for in my native country.

I had always felt the pull of military service calling to me. But it wasn't until I came to America that I knew this was where I belonged.

I was finally home.

The United States was a country born out of repression that took patriots from our nation — ordinary men and women — and asked them to give of themselves completely and unselfishly to gain our country's liberty.

Now, nine years later, I find myself serving beside

the men and women of Ali Base, in a country that has suffered for many years and is at the beginning an unfamiliar journey, a journey toward a new and free Iraq.

Like our nation's forefathers, the men and women of Iraq struggle bravely for democracy. And just as America needed help during its Revolutionary War from its "coalition partners," so, too, does Iraq.

Iraqis need our help to bring stability to their country while they draft a constitution and rebuild their economy. The leaders of their fledgling government,

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### Action Line

Call 283-2255



**BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or

you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

<b>Commissary</b>	283-4825
<b>Pass and I.D.</b>	283-4191
<b>Medical and Dental</b>	283-7515
<b>MEO</b>	283-2739

<b>MPF</b>	283-2276
<b>SFS Desk Sgt.</b>	283-2254
<b>Services</b>	283-2501
<b>Legal</b>	283-4681
<b>Housing</b>	283-2036
<b>CDC</b>	283-4747
<b>Wing Safety</b>	283-4231
<b>Area Defense Counsel</b>	283-2911
<b>Finance</b>	283-4117
<b>Civil Engineer</b>	283-4949
<b>Civilian Personnel</b>	283-3203
<b>Base Information</b>	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

## Deployed travel made predictable

**TECH. SGT. J. LAVOIE**

506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

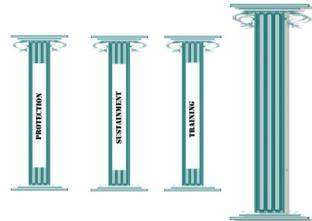
**KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP)** — Most deployed Airmen know how far along they are in their rotation and when they expect to return home.

Until recently, that date was mostly speculation, but, thanks to aggregation, Airmen will know exactly when their replacement is coming and when they will leave.

U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials have implemented this new program providing visibility on when incoming Airmen are supposed to arrive and, therefore, when departing

Airmen should leave. Because these dates are set well in advance, there is no more guessing as to when a replacement should arrive or if they are on a certain plane. This program is not completely new. It was used to schedule Airmen arriving in theater during the past few rotations.

### FORCE DEPLOYMENT

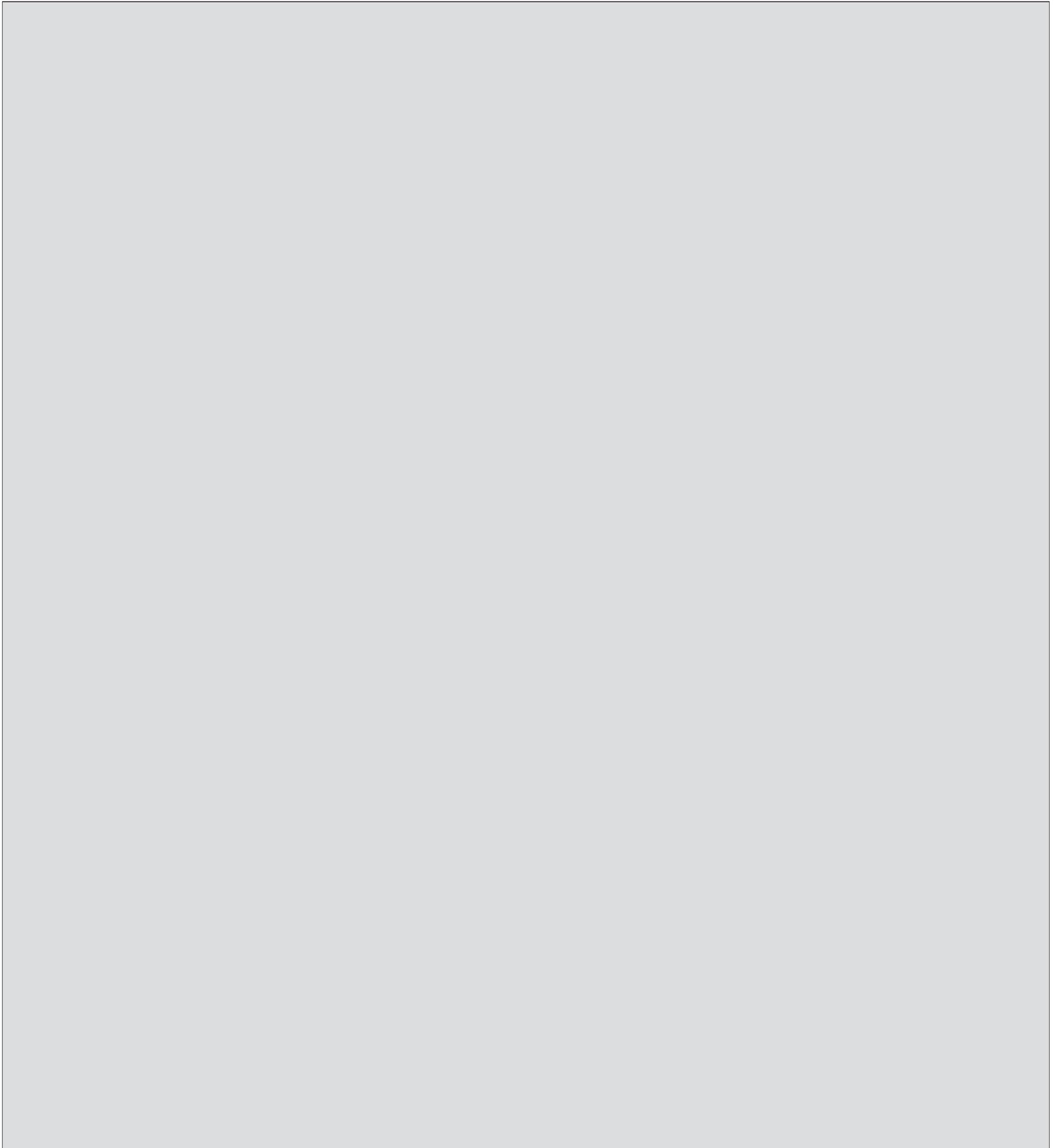


“They did such a great job of getting people over here during the last (air and space expeditionary force,) they are taking it one step further,” said Col. Scott Mason, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander here. “This adds predictability for Airmen so they can let families and loved ones back in the United States know when they are getting home.”

Once the time phase force deployment data sheet is confirmed and unit deployment managers start giving Airmen the dates they are going home, those dates are unlikely to change.

“We don’t want Airmen making life-altering decisions based on the dates, but short of an aircraft breaking, they will move out of here in a two-day window and then leave the hub within two days,” said Tech. Sgt. Lois Harm, 506th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron. “There will be a seat out of

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# MDG moves to e-records

The 325th Medical Group will implement the first phase of a transition to full electronic medical records Monday.

The new DOD Composite Health Care System II, otherwise known as CHCS II, will create e-records and provide access to servicemembers' medical records from anywhere in the world.

The first phase involves the providers and staff learning to make electronic medical records and reducing the amount of paperwork generated.

As with all new systems, there is a learning curve and some minimal problems are expected to occur. Access to routine appointments may take a little longer during the transition to CHCS II.

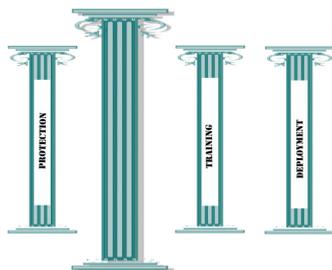
"Implementing a computer system as sophisticated as CHCS II is not an easy task because of its complexity" said

Maj. Irad Gillett, 325th MDG Group practice manager. "In order for the staff to gain proficiency on the system, appointment schedules will need to be adjusted."

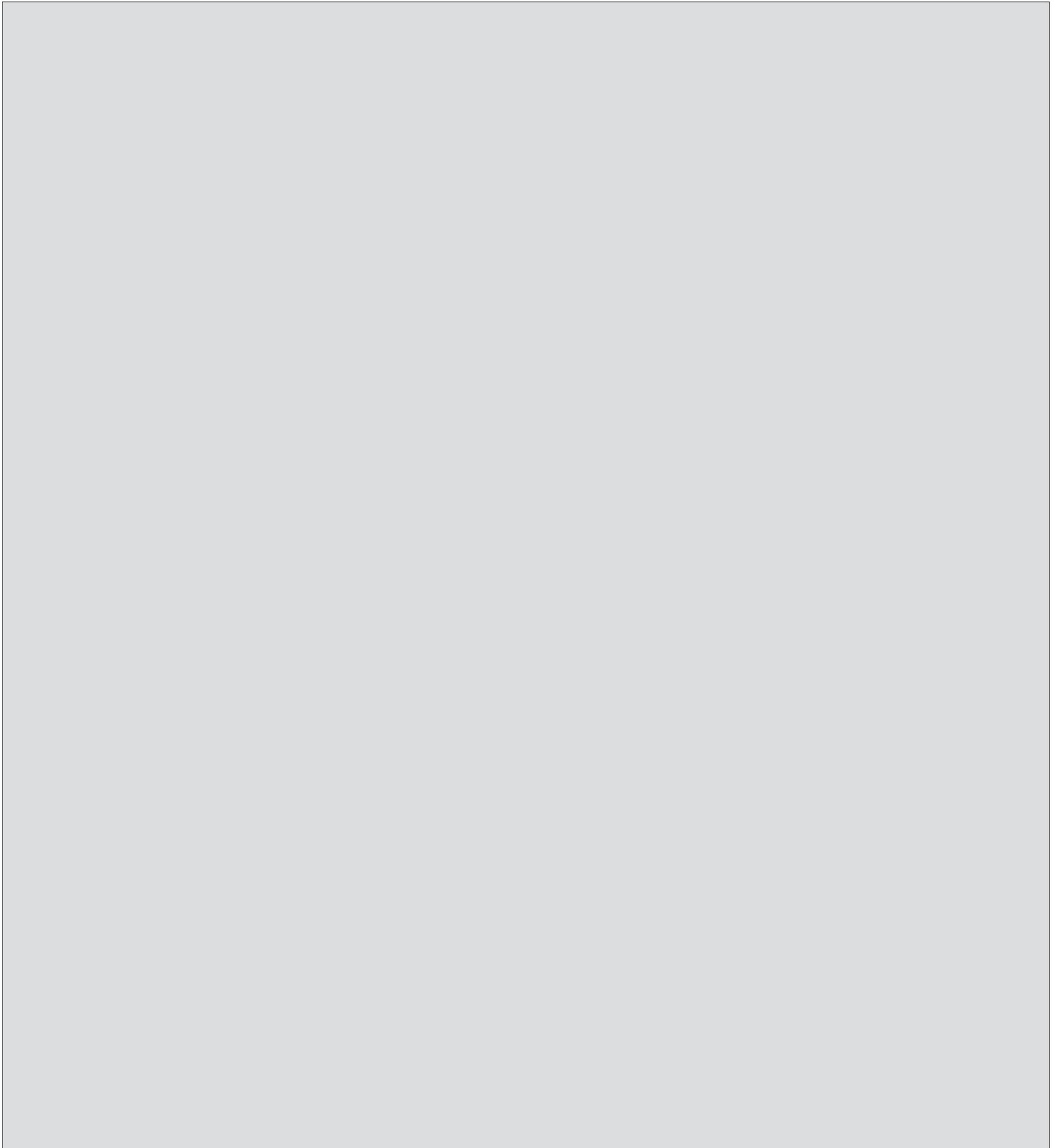
CHCS II offers both direct and indirect advantages to the patient. Even though it may seem that medical services or accessibility are slowed, the pay-off for patients will ultimately result in a vastly improved and safer record keeping system.

"The most significant advantage is the accessibility of patient records to all providers involved in care from any clinic that has CHCS II in the world" said Lt. Col. Daniel Kulund, 325th Medical Operations Squadron director of medical staff. "Entries in records will be legible and automati-

## FORCE SUSTAINMENT



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# New OG commander returns to Tyndall IP roots

**TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY**

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Command of the 325th Operations Group changed hands during a ceremony in Hangar 4 Monday. Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, during which Col. Matthew Molloy assumed command from Col. Timothy Merrell, who has retired.

Colonel Molloy was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Colorado. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours flying aircraft that include the F-15 Eagle and F/A-22 Raptor.

The colonel comes to Tyndall after graduation from the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

As commander of the 325th OG, Colonel Molloy is responsible for nearly 1,400 personnel in four fighter squadrons, an air control squadron and an operations support squadron. He returns to Tyndall where he served as an F-15 instructor pilot and weapons officer from 1994-1998, his longest single assignment.

"It feels like returning home – especially since Tyndall is the base where three of my four daughters were born," he said. "Though it's been seven years since I was last assigned here, there are still a few familiar faces – those who have transitioned to the Guard and have stayed in the local area to provide long-term community and corporate memory.

It's great to see old friends."

Colonel Molloy said his principal goals for the group are simple – "mission first; people always."

"Mission is job number one, and when we focus on the mission, everything else becomes crystal clear. Our job is very important," he said. "The group is tasked to train, sustain and replenish America's Air Dominance Force. Nothing could be more important.

"The warriors of the 325th Operations Group know their jobs cold, we execute our mission daily, we are unmatched in what we do – fly, fight and win – and we live on the white-sand beaches of Panama City," he said. "Nothing could be better!"

Colonel Molloy summarized his second goal – people always – as "the simple secret to mission success.

"They are the nation's crown jewel resource. They are irreplaceable," he said. "I've been entrusted with America's finest, and I clearly understand my role as commander. I will strive to make this the best assignment they've ever had and provide an environment that is fueled by integrity, service and excellence – our core values."

The colonel expressed thanks for a warm reception back to Tyndall.

"Kati and I wish to thank the Checkertail Clan for the warm welcome we received upon our arrival. It's good to be in the company of warriors and friends."

## Dental Clinic news for retirees

Due to increasing mission demands and staffing requirements, effective immediately the Tyndall Dental Clinic will no longer offer "space-available" or "standby" care to retirees or their family members. In the event of a dental emergency, retirees will need to use their personal dental insurance plan. If uninsured, true dental emergencies (trauma, infection or pain not controlled by medication) will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Participation in the retiree dental insurance family plan is highly encouraged. Information concerning this program is available by calling toll free (888) 838-8737, or by visiting the Web site at [www.ddpdelta.org](http://www.ddpdelta.org).

For more information, call the Tyndall Dental Clinic at 283-7574.

*(Courtesy of the 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron)*

# Congratulations to Tyndall's newest staff sergeant selects

## 325th FW

Jordan Knotts, 325th CPTS  
Remegio Quindara, 325th FW

## 325th MDG

Angel Arias, 325th MDOS  
Richard Benkovics, 325th MDOS  
Edward Burgess, 325th ADS  
Shamika Clair, 325th MDOS  
Gregory Douyon, 325th ADS  
Kathleen Earnest, 325th MDSS  
Sergio Escalera, 325th ADS  
Christopher Hogenmiller, 325th MDSS  
Shelby Lee, 325th ADS  
Markus Manuel, 325th ADS  
Craig Taylor, 325th MDSS  
Austin Weeks, 325th MDSS

## 325th MSG

Wesley Ball, 325th CS  
Jahara Brown, 325th SFS  
Keosha Burrell, 325th MSG  
James Calvin, 325th CES  
Jonathan Castro, 325th CS  
Noe Castro, 325th SFS  
Matthew Cleveland, 325th CS  
Franklin Cruz, 325th SFS  
Rebecca Edwards, 325th SVS  
Joseph Freiesleben, 325th SFS  
Derick Gooch, 325th SFS  
Jason Gray, 325th CES  
Augusto Gualberto, 325th CS  
Byron Harts, 325th SVS  
Brandon Hickerson, 325th CS  
Samuel Hudson Jr, 325th SVS  
Jason Hughes, 325th CS  
Joshua Jamison, 325th CES  
Travis Jordon, 325th SFS  
Richard Kauffman, 325th CS  
Sean Keene, 325th SFS  
Jared Keller, 325th SFS  
Justin Kitts, 325th SFS  
Michael Krueger, 325th SFS  
Shanika Lane, 325th SFS  
Crystal Lopez, 325th SVS  
Donald McKenzie, 325th SFS  
Michael Miller, 325th SFS  
Cheri Montanez, 325th SFS  
Philip Morris Jr, 325th CES  
Kelson Nisbett, 325th SFS  
Matthew Plunkett, 325th SFS

Matthew Quinn, 325th SFS  
Joshua Robinson, 325th CS  
Luis Ruiz, 325th CS  
Lance Taylor, 325th CS  
Kelly Vanamburg, 325th SFS  
Kevin Watts, 325th SFS  
Mike Webb, 325th CS  
Nicole Willems, 325th SFS  
Carlie Williams, 325th SFS  
Janice Williams, 325th SVS  
Michael Zarate, 325th SVS  
Paul Szymanski, 325th CONS

## 325th MXG

Joseph Alers, 325th MXS  
Eric Billings, 325th MXS  
Eddie Blair, 325th MXS  
Autumn Bonney, 325th AMXS  
Lynleigh Boulter, 325th MXG  
Joshua Briggs, 325th AMXS  
Matthew Burch, 325th AMXS  
Kenneth Bynum, 325th AMXS  
Ryan Byrne, 325th AMXS  
Carlos Cantoran, 325th AMXS  
Dean Cardenas, 325th MOS  
Carl Cassulo, 325th MXS  
Michael Coar, 325th MXS  
William Collins, 325th AMXS  
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Joseph Harris, 325th MXS  
Michael Harruff, 325th AMXS  
Daniel Hawk, 325th AMXS  
Pleaz Hawkins, 325th AMXS  
Steven Hirzel, 325th MXS

Ryan Hobbs, 325th AMXS  
Gordon Kimura, 325th AMXS  
Anthony Kretz, 325th MOS  
Jonat Leonguerrero, 325th AMXS  
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Joshua Nowlin, 325th AMXS  
Jeremy Parker, 325th AMXS  
Christopher Penny, 325th MXS  
Michael Perkins, 325th MXS  
Jeremy Perry, 325th AMXS  
Stacey Pierce, 325th MOS  
Andrew Poist, 325th AMXS  
Antonio Quirindongo, 325th AMXS  
Michael Rainer, 325th MXS  
Michael Ray, 325th MXS  
Omar Reatiga, 325th MOS  
Darrell Rhodes, 325th AMXS  
Joseph Romero, 325th AMXS  
Benjamin Rose, 325th AMXS  
Jeremy Schuster, 325th AMXS  
Aaron Scott, 325th AMXS  
Monty Seelye, 325th AMXS  
Tonya Shipman, 325th MXS  
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Rowland Thagard, 325th MXS  
Eric Thomas, 325th MXS  
Benjamin Tritt, 325th MXG  
Martin Vosseller, 325th AMXS  
Charles Walker, 325th AMXS  
Wilmer Warren II, 325th AMXS  
Retha Watson, 325th AMXS  
Howard White, 325th AMXS  
Andrew Whitehead, 325th AMXS  
Jessica Williams, 325th MXS  
Christopher Young, 325th MXS  
Tamara Zyla, 325th AMXS

## 325th OG

Vesta Anderson, 325th ACS  
Martha Barreradunning, 325th ACS

Michelle Brown, 325th OSS  
James Daley, 325th ACS  
Miranda Diaz, 325th ACS  
Latoya Douglas, 325th OSS  
Cortny Erickson, 325th OSS  
Evan Fish, 325th ACS  
Reneekqua Grays, 325th ACS  
Latoya Hudson, 325th OSS  
Jacqueline Morales, 95th FS  
Kimberly Patterson, 325th ACS  
Malcolm Peacock, 43rd FS  
Shameeka Williams, 325th OSS  
Kristen Wooten, 325th ACS  
Joseph Young, 325th OSS

## Associate Units

Karen Alexander, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Joshua Babunovic, 28th TEST SQ  
Sara Bembenek, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Rebecca Bobick, NCOA  
Jonathan Boyd, 83rd FWS  
Guy Canterbury, 823rd RHS  
Michelle Chopin, 372nd TRS  
Marvin Colbert, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Ebony Dean, 81st TSS  
Jonathon Dennis, 81st TSS  
Michael Greer, AFCESA  
Brinn Jackson, AFCESA  
Mark Jones, AFCESA  
Brandon Klein, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Amanda Liggins, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Brian Manning, 81st TSS  
Stephen McCool, AFCESA  
Aaron Nichols, 82nd ATS  
Stephen Phillips, Corry Station/Det. 1  
Hal Richins, Corry Station/Det. 1  
James Smith, 81st TSS  
Jesse Struk, Corry Station/Det. 1  
William Visotski, 83rd FWS  
Darin Williams, 82nd ATS





Lisa Norman

## Fini foam

Lt. Col. David Krumm, 43rd Fighter Squadron director of operations, sprays down Col. Timothy Merrell, former 325th Operations Group commander, after his final flight in the F/A-22 Raptor Aug. 4. Colonel Merrell retired following the 325th OG change of command ceremony Aug. 5.

## Did you know ...

The AFPC website has a section dedicated strictly to Force Development for officers. Not familiar with Force Development? It works like this: Senior leaders in your AFSC will meet two to three times a year in an effort to select squadron commanders, select officers for in-residence Intermediate/Senior Development Education, and vector officers to the next level of progression/assignment. The Development Teams use officers' comments and Records of Performance to evaluate and vector officers. You can find more information on how to fill out the forms and other information by logging on to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/fdso/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/fdso/).



## Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman Christina McKee



Steve Wallace

Airman McKee receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman McKee, 325th Fighter Wing command post. She was one of the Outstanding Performers selected during the Operation Readiness Inspection. She also serves as the 325th Mission Support Squadron Booster Club publicist and spearheaded a Asian/Pacific Heritage month event to entertain and inform the base populace.

**Duty title:** Emergency actions controller  
**Time on station:** Two years  
**Time in service:** Two and half years  
**Hometown:** Fort Walton Beach, Fla.  
**Hobbies:** Shopping, dancing, child care and photography  
**Favorite movie:** "Shrek"  
**Pet Peeves:** People smacking their food while chewing  
**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Being close to home  
**Proudest moment in the military:** Receiving the Outstanding Performer Award at the Operational Readiness Inspection outbrief

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*

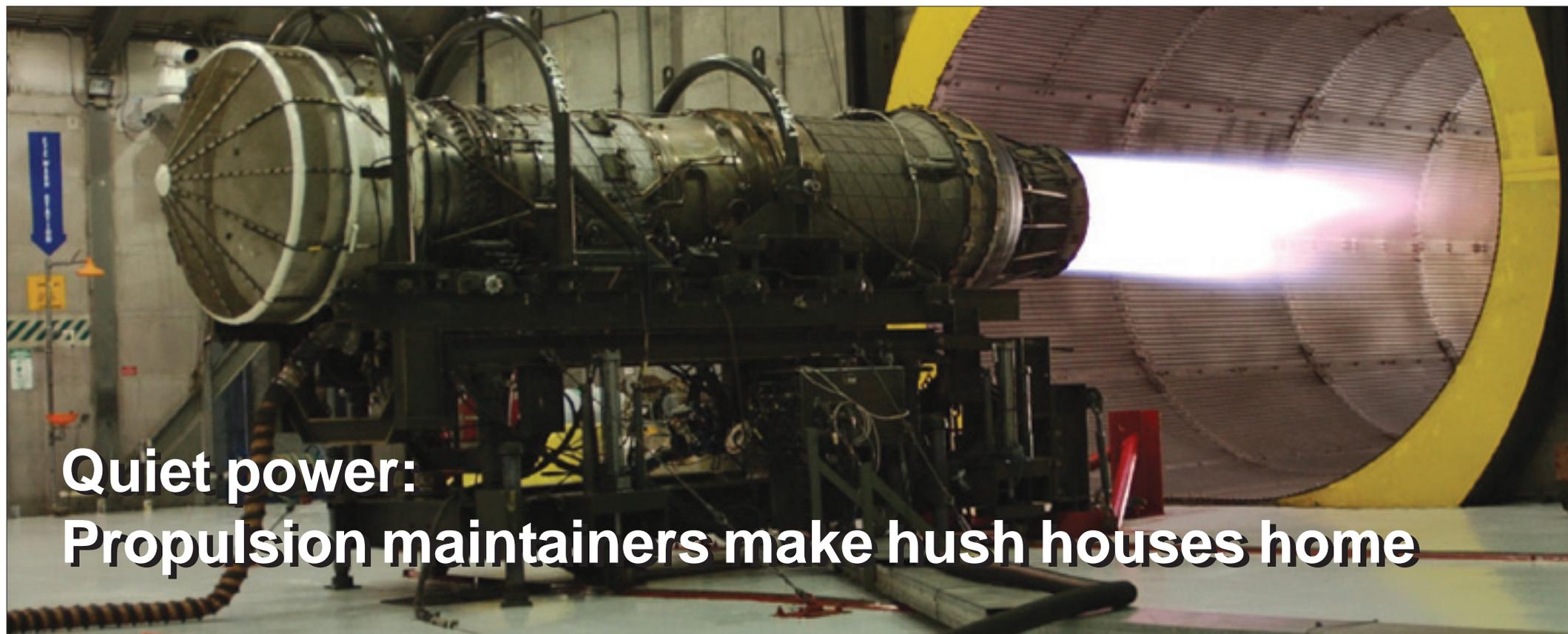
The Gulf Defender is published for people like Senior Airman Samantha Moore, 2nd Fighter Squadron aviation resource management journeyman.



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## Quiet power: Propulsion maintainers make hush houses home

Running at full afterburner, an F-100 engine from a Tyndall F-15 Eagle sends a thundering flame down the Hush House's 65-foot long noise-reducing tube.



Senior Airman Joshua Spainhoward, 325th Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight jet engine mechanic, makes final test equipment connections prior to an engine maintenance test run inside Hush House No. 1.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY  
**TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Love the “sound of freedom?” If so, within this small, hangar-like facility is heaven on earth.

Don't care for such freedom? Take heart, Earth, for miles outside it is, well, heavenly quieter.

Welcome to Tyndall's two hush house facilities. As the name implies, hush houses allow maintainers to perform maintenance test runs on F-15 Eagle and F/A-22 Raptor engines inside facilities that greatly reduce environmental noise impact outside. The Eagles and Raptors are powered by Pratt & Whitney F-100 and F-119 engines, respectively.

Inside Hush House No. 1, Senior Airman Calvin Hawkins adjusts his headset and intercom a final time. He keeps steady watch on a solitary F-100 engine that is mounted to a sturdy metal “thrust stand” barely 40 feet way.

Airman Hawkins, a jet engine mechanic assigned to the 325th Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight, occasionally glances across the facility toward the window of a tiny mobile trailer unit called the test cab.

Seated at control consoles in the somewhat cramped but protective confines of the instrument-laden cab are Tech. Sgts. Steven Errington, NCO in charge

of F-100 (engine) propulsion test, and Greg Guidry, NCOIC of F-119 propulsion test. Maintaining intercom communication with Airman Hawkins, the two NCOs run a checklist that guides them through an engine startup sequence.



(From left) Tech. Sgts. Steve Errington and Greg Guidry (engine) propulsion test and NCOIC of F-119 propulsion test, checklists from inside the test cab.

Sergeant Guidry selects a switch that starts a flow of forced air rushing through a hose toward the engine's compressor unit. Beginning with a dull humming sound that peaks to a high-pitched whine, the shackled Eagle power plant gradually comes to life.

Moments later he eases forward a throttle that increases exponentially the engine's thrust and the hush house's interior noise. Now in its full afterburner setting, producing more than 21,000 pounds of thrust, the engine's exhaust nozzle opens fully. It blasts a thunderous bright blue and yellow flame streaming dozens of feet down the hush house's tube, a 65-foot-long stainless steel tunnel.

The tube literally brings the "hush" to a hush house's noise muffling capability. Encased in its shell are pillow-sized bags of sound suppressing materials further insulated by layers of steel wool and other materials.

But observed from anywhere inside the hush house, even with the mandatory double hearing protection in place – a headset and plastic foam ear plugs – the noise is awe-inspiring. At full afterburner, the engine's dragon-like roar delivers a punishing vibration that rattles the body from head to toe, not to mention the entire hush house.



**Sergeant Guidry, 325th MXS NCO in charge of F-100 propulsion test, respectively, perform a pre-run**

Outside the facility, the afterburning engine's ambient noise is reduced dozens of decibels upon exiting the tube, according to the flight's bioenvironmental data. Residents on and near Tyndall AFB can be thankful for the hush houses' capabilities. Without them, engine test runs would take place at an outside location, permitting far higher noise levels to travel for miles around.

Sergeant Errington noted yet another benefit of hush houses: Engine test runs can be conducted even during Tyndall's traditionally established "quiet hours" – 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. The houses can be used for testing engines either uninstalled on the stand or still installed aboard a jet.

Inside the protective confines of the test cab, Sergeants Errington and Guidry continuously monitor and adjust the thundering F-100 engine's overall performance in a procedure called trimming.

"It's a lot like tuning up your car," Airman Hawkins explained. "We make sure everything runs with the proper efficiency – fuel, thrust and other things."

According to Sergeant Errington, the Raptor's engine, however, is self-trimming, so propulsion flight maintainers don't have to perform the same cab-run diagnostic procedures and manual adjustments used for Eagle motors. "Everything is automatic," he said. "We just start it up."

Just moments after the Eagle engine is fired up, Sergeants Errington and Guidry begin to gradually reduce its power until it and the entire hush house falls eerily silent compared to previous full-thrust roar.

In addition to Airman Hawkins, they are assisted on this job by three other flight members – Staff Sgts. Christopher Snyder and Joshua Wiener and Senior Airman Joshua Spainhoward. Their primary task for this particular test run is to find and fix, if necessary, suspected oil and fuel system leaks that flightline crew chiefs reported before the engine was removed from its respective Eagle.

With the engine completely shut down, the team of propulsion maintainers gets right to work, grabbing dozens of tools and flashlights to begin inspecting the engine to isolate the cause of the fluid leaks they discover following the test run. Within minutes, thanks to their skill and determination, they not



**(From left) Staff Sgt. Joshua Wiener and Senior Airman Joshua Spainhoward make final adjustments on an F-100 engine moments before a test-run.**

only locate the source of the leaks, but repair their root cause on the spot. As in this case, their efforts often prevent the need for more major back shop maintenance and, in turn, saving the Air Force precious time and money.

"When (an engine) is broken, and you fix it, it's good to watch the finished product go back out," said Airman Spainhoward.

Focusing on the crucially important safety aspects of the flight's mission, Sergeant Errington noted, "These guys have a lot of responsibility. The people here doing the trimming are highly qualified ... and we won't put anybody in the seat who isn't comfortable. You're taking the pilot's life in your hands. If anything is missed, they pay the price."

## Briefs

### Retiree Appreciation Days change

Retiree Appreciation Days will now be held Nov. 4 and 5. All retirees are invited to attend. For more information on events and activities going on that day, call the Retiree Activities Office at 283-2737.

### VA Audiology Clinic

Tyndall's Veterans Affairs Audiology Clinic has relocated to the VA Outpatient Clinic at 312 Kenmore Road, Pensacola. For more information, call (850) 417-7574 or 1-800-897-8977 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

### World War II lithographs

The 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office has lithographs commemorating the 60th anniversary of WWII. Units that would like copies may send a representative to the PA office in Bldg. 662, Room 129. The lithographs are for official use only and must be framed for proper display.

### Online pharmacies

The Office of the Surgeon General has stated that the use of online physician and pharmacy services is highly discouraged, due to the risk of complications resulting from obtaining medication without a proper medical exam, the lack of quality control on prescription medications and the inability of these services to check for interactions with patients other current medications. For more information, contact the Tricare Operations and Patient Administration Flight at 283-7331.

### Tricare Reserve Select

Eligibility to purchase Tricare Reserve Select coverage is determined by the Reserve component member's service/Reserve component office. To qualify, members must have served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation and enter into an agreement with their Reserve component to serve in the selected Reserve for one or more years prior to leaving active duty. For Reserve component members who are eligible and have already left active duty, they have until Oct. 28 to complete their service agreement. Details about completing service agreements and enrollment process for TRS are available on the Tricare Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect).



2nd Lt. William Powell

## Needs mow

Second Lt. Benjamin Rich, 325th Air Control Squadron student, checks the oil of his lawn mower before mowing his lawn Tuesday in the Wood Manor housing area. All base housing residents are reminded to cut their grass regularly to adhere to housing standards.

### Sexual assault reporting

The DOD is committed to ensuring safety and dignity. As part of that endeavor, people may now report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel without triggering an investigation or involving their chain of command. This confidential reporting must be made to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, a healthcare provider, a trained Victim Advocate, or a chaplain. Tyndall's Response Line, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is 625-1231. For more information on sexual assault, call Tyndall's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 283-8192 or visit the United States DOD Sexual Assault and Response home page at [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil).

### GCCC fall classes

Gulf Coast Community College office hours will change to 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. through Aug. 23.

### OSC Special Activities Coffee

The Officers' Spouses' Club is hosting a free Special Activities Coffee 10 a.m. Aug. 23 at the Officers' Club. This is an opportunity to learn about base and community information/activities, as well as information about the OSC. Members, non-members and children are welcome. For more information, call 819-4322.

### AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 553, meets the third Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. AFSA is the Air Force enlisted or-

ganization dedicated to the people behind the stripes. It is open to all enlisted ranks. For more information on AFSA, contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Benison at 283-2891.

### Youth Bowling League sign-ups

Raptor Lanes registration for youth winter leagues will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eligible ages are 5 – 21 and the cost is \$11. Youth signing up during these times will receive three games of bowling, a hotdog, and drink. The league will begin Aug. 20. For more information, call 283-2380.

### Varsity basketball

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team will have try-outs for the 2005-06 season 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Fitness Center. All interested individuals can sign-up at the Fitness Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

### Sports officials

The upcoming Tyndall intramural sports season needs officials. Those interested should call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

### Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday in Bldg. 747. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce some cost of living expenses by providing donated household items or new items purchased with cash donations to eligible military members. The generosity of Team Tyndall has allowed the staff to extend this service

from senior airman and below to staff sergeant and below. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 or the Family Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

### Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop will reopen its doors Wednesday. Normal hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Consignments are 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 286-5888.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic services

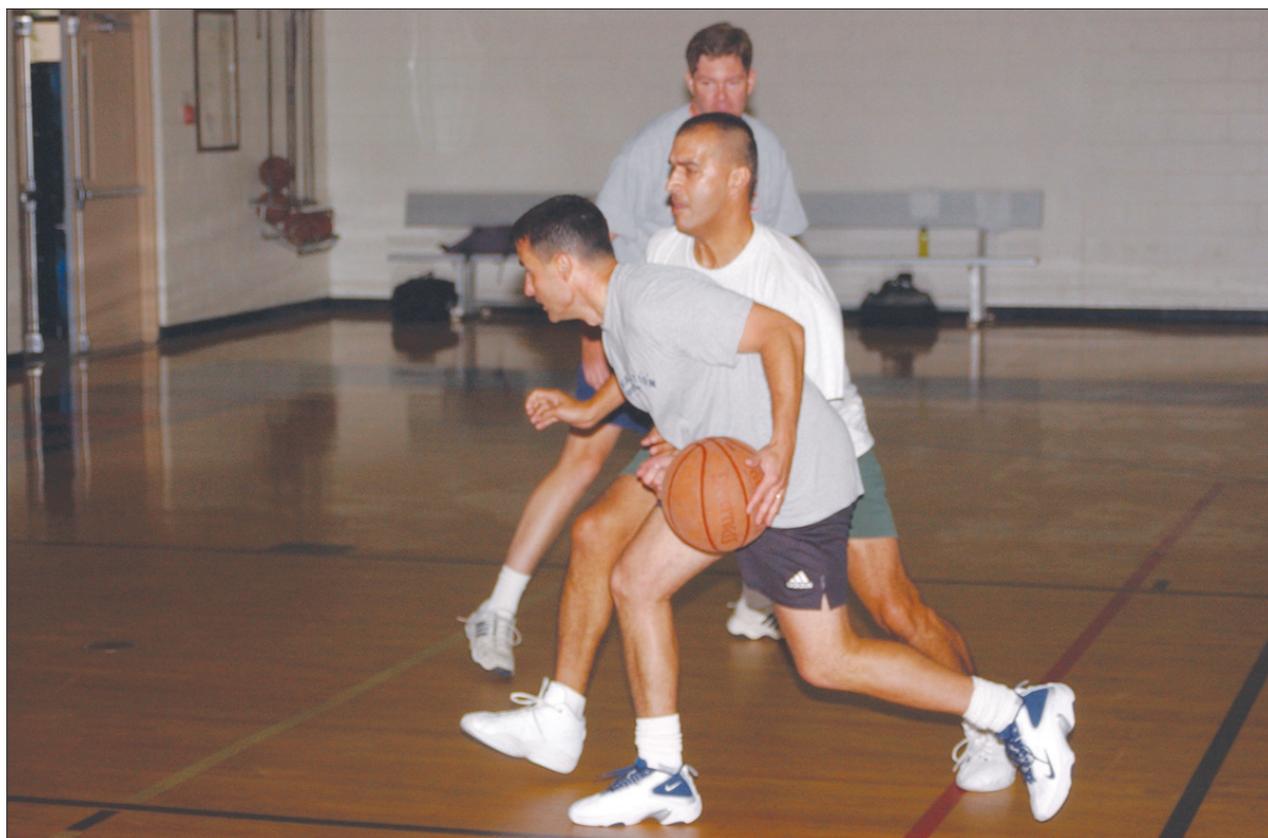
Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Chapel Two  
Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment  
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two  
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two  
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

### Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One  
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two  
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

### Muslim services

A prayer room will be open for Dhuhr Prayer Monday-Thursday in the Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline. There will also be Jumauh services at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

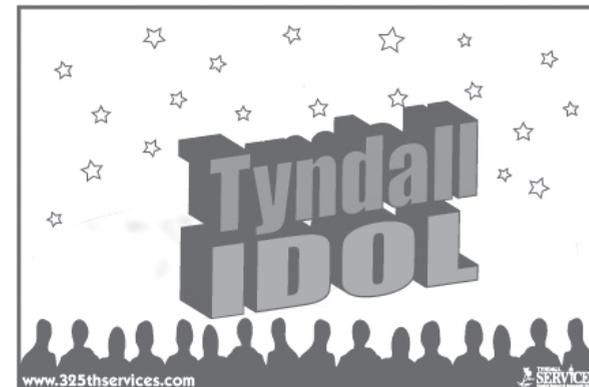
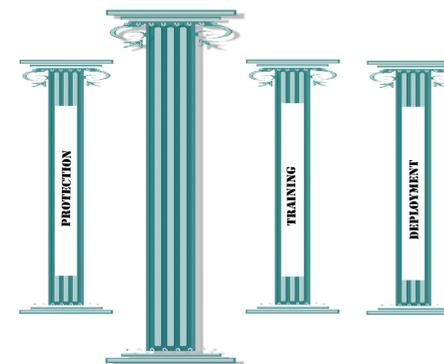


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### Basketball anyone?

Ed Harshany plows through Greg Fernandez during a pick-up basketball game Wednesday at the base Fitness Center. The Fitness Center offers basketball and many other ways to stay in shape year-round. For more information, call 283-2631.

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### Week 1 winners list:

- Jessica Brooks, 325th OSS
- Carolynn Czepiga, 325th FW
- Amy Diestro, 325th ACS
- Craig Hall, AFCESA
- Allison Helder, NCOA
- Clifford Jones, 325th CS
- Derrick Moore, 325th SFS
- Tina Nelson, 325th MDOS
- Gina Poe, 325th FW
- Erin Reynolds, 325th ACS
- Craig Smith, NCOA
- Rob Stewart, 325th AMXS

The winners will be competing again 6 p.m. tonight at the Zone in the Enlisted Club. All are welcome to attend to see who makes it to the next round.

## Intramural Sports Standings

### Women's varisty basketball coach needed:

Tyndall's women's varsity basketball team is in need of a coach. Those interested in the position can call the Fitness Center at 283-2631 for more information.

### Football

Intramural football's 2005 season begins Aug. 22. Those interested in playing can sign up by contacting their squadron sports representative or football coach. If your squadron does not have a team, contact your squadron sports representative to get into the player's pool.



### Golf



Team	Points
CES	52
AMXS	44
CS1	37
SEADS	37
372nd TRS	34
AFCESA	33.5
OSS	29
CONR1	28
MSS	28
53rd WEG	27
RHS	24
83rd FWS	23
MXS	23
ACS	20
SVS	19.5
CONR2	18
CS2	18

# Club dues waived for deployed troops

**STEVE RIDDLE**  
325th Services Squadron

Bills arrive every month, even for deployed troops, but one expense can be waived while Air Force personnel are overseas supporting a contingency operation – Air Force Club dues.

In a recent memo from the chief of Air Force Clubs, procedures were explained that tell how club members can make sure they aren't being charged monthly dues when they are in a part of the world that has no Air Force Enlisted or Officer Clubs.

"Club dues should be waived by the base for deployed troops," wrote Frank Black Jr., Air Force Clubs chief.

His memo quoted AFI 34-272, which states, "Waive club membership dues for personnel during deployment to a contingency location for 30 days or more, where there is no Air Force Club."

This is accomplished by either placing the member in a no-dues status for the duration of the deployment, or by providing coupons equivalent to the dues paid during the deployment for use at the home base, the regulation states.

For Tyndall's club members, getting the dues waived is as easy as walking through the front door of the Officers' Club.

"The only thing that deploying club members have to do to get their monthly dues waived is bring in a copy of their orders to our office here at the O'Club," said Chris Saladin, Tyndall clubs manager. "We can set it up on our computers to hold off on their membership dues until their deployment ends."

In the event that a deployment is extended, the dues can still be waived for the extension, but the club must be made aware of the situation.

"We can extend the dues waiver if there is an extension of the deployment, but we need this to be validated by the individual's first sergeant or supervisor," Mr. Saladin stated.

According to Mr. Black, the waiver only extends to monthly club dues. Purchases made with the card prior to deployment will still have to be paid on the regular monthly basis.

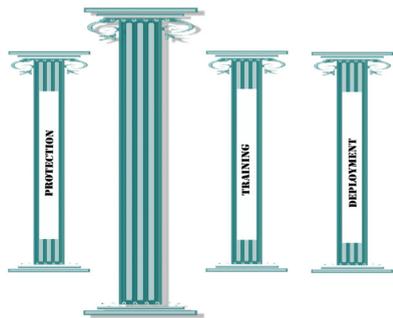
"As concerns fees and charges by the bank, finance fees accrue to any account that is revolved," he explained. "Additionally, if payments are not made on time, late fees are posted to an account. Just like any other bill (mortgage, car insurance, electric, gas, rent, etc.), members must make arrangements to pay them while deployed."

Normally there are five different ways to pay monthly card bills – by mail, over the phone, at the club, via the Internet or by setting up an "auto pay" feature. Many contingency locations may not have reliable mail, phones or Internet, and no Air Force club either. Mr. Black said the auto pay feature is the best option for deployed club members, because they can have the amount they choose to be automatically deducted from a savings or checking account.

"Using the auto pay feature eliminates the concern about non-receipt of monthly statements and late payments resulting in late fees and finance charges," he said.

For more information, call the Officers' Club at 283-4357.

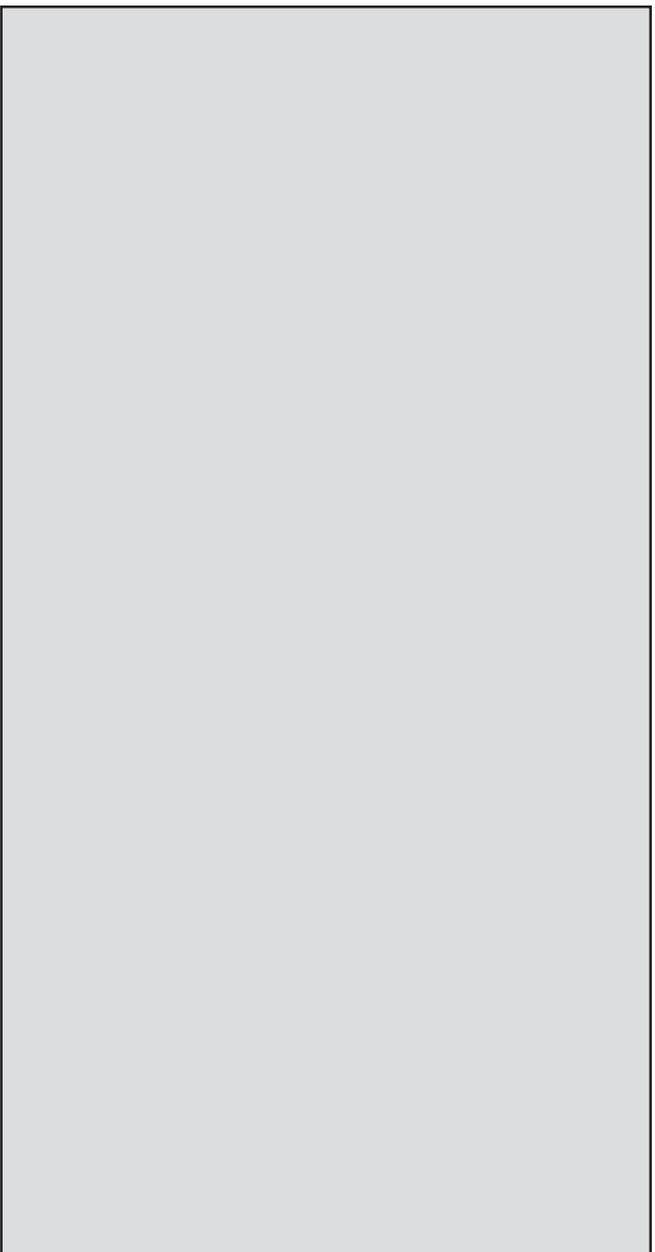
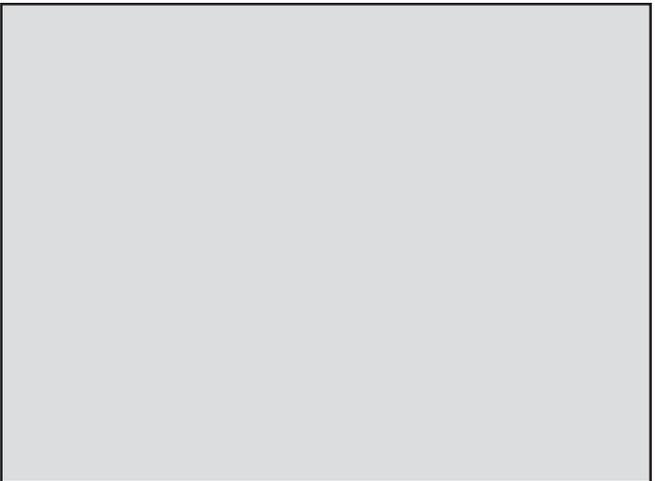
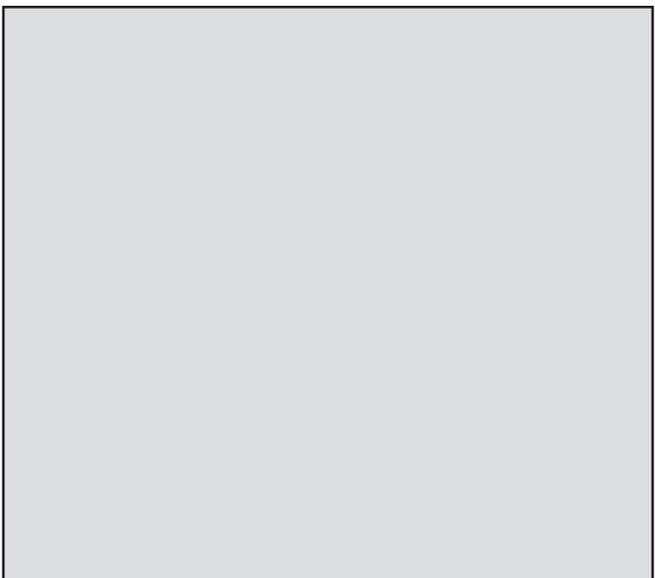
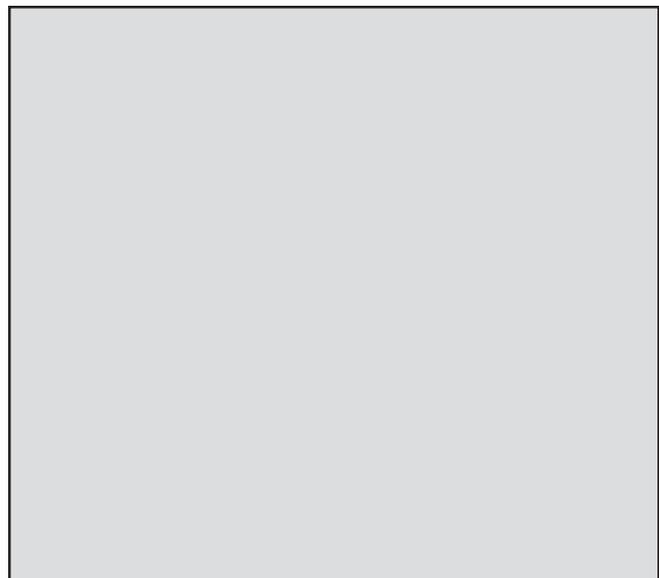
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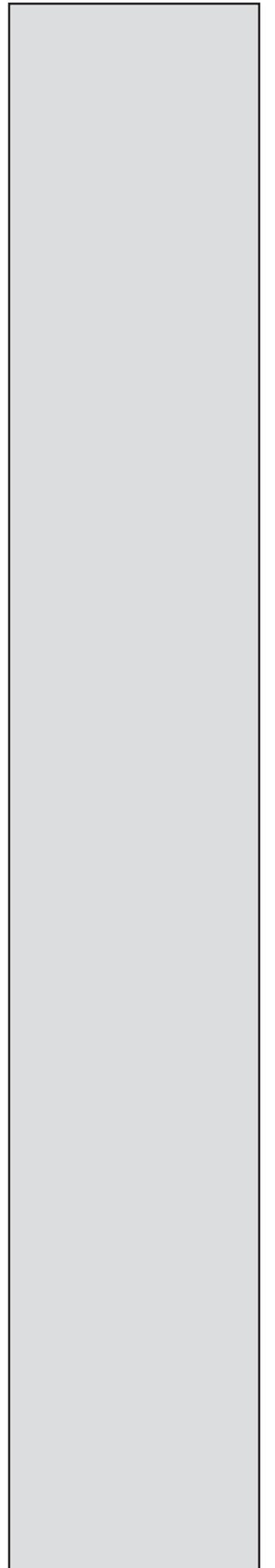
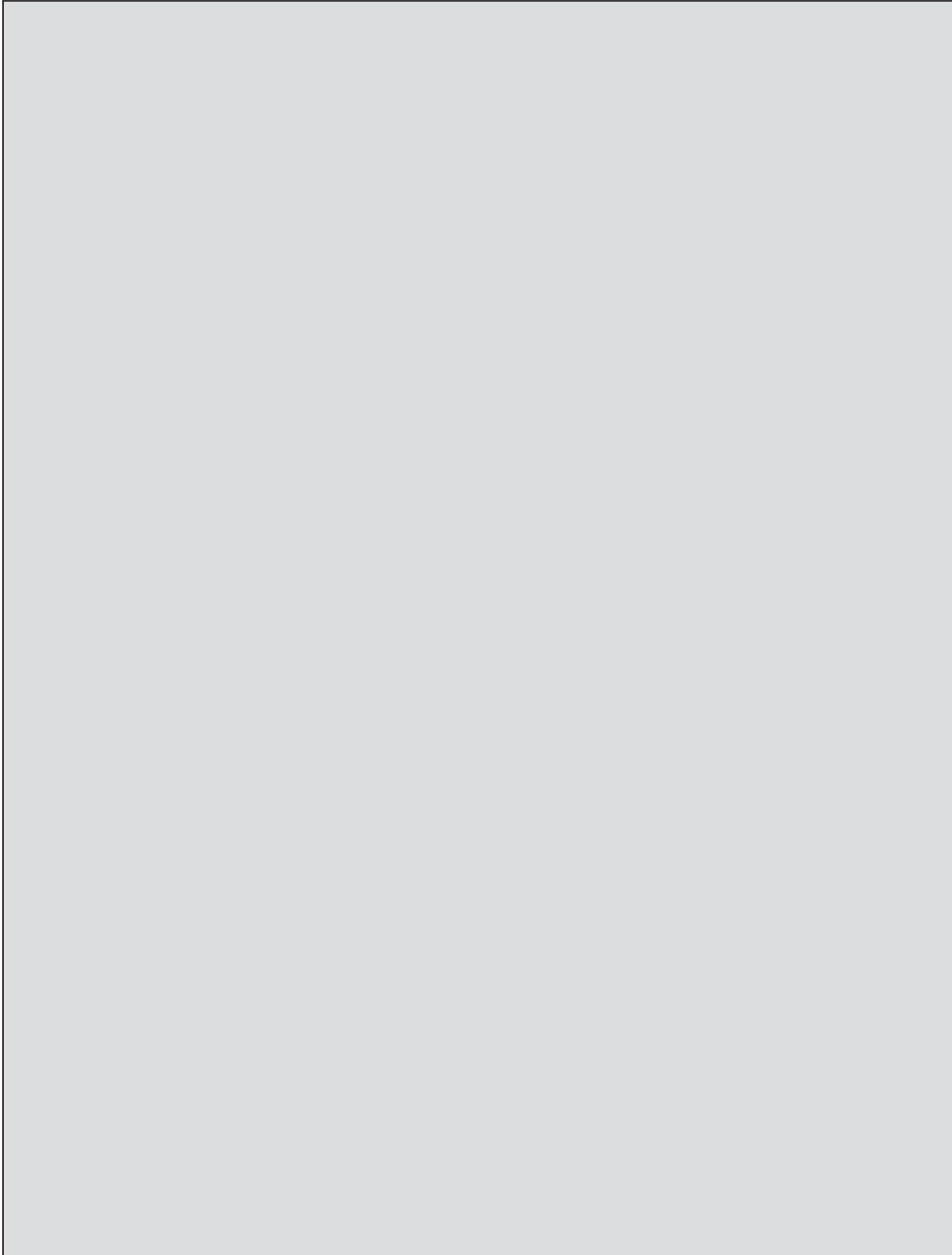


**This week in Air Force history ...**

 **Aug. 9 1945:** The second atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, by a B-29 "Bockscar"

**Aug. 7, 1990:** Operation Desert Shield begins in response to Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait. 





# War games: ROTC cadets 'play' at FTX

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets training at Tyndall spent their final weekend here in a simulated deployment known as the Field Training Exercise.

The purpose of the FTX is to prepare the cadets for when they eventually, and undoubtedly, deploy while on active duty, said Lt. Col. Mark Hetterly, FTX team chief.

"The Air Force is deploying to austere locations where they haven't gone to in the past," he said. "We want to expose the cadets to the expeditionary Air Force, and prepare them for their role as second lieutenants on active duty."

When the cadets arrived at the cantonment area near the flightline Aug. 3, they were responsible for setting up their own tents to sleep and work in and the perimeter around the location. They also had to form their own sleep, work and meal schedules.

"They have to decide how they're going to allocate all their resources," Colonel Hetterly said. "They not only



2nd Lt. William Powell

**Cadets carry away a simulated attacker who was shot after opening fire on the guards during an exercise scenario Aug. 5 at the cantonment area here.**

learn leadership but followership, as well."

Once the cadets established themselves there, the instructors and evaluators began testing the cadets' responses to different scenarios including simulated food poisoning, mortar attacks, snipers and suicide bombers.

"We're giving them a better idea of what to expect when they get on active duty," said Master Sgt. Shawn Swift, FTX NCO in charge. "We have to obviously tailor it down some

since cadets don't have all the training some active duty members have, but they are learning a lot."

"I know I've learned a lot here, especially about communicating with others," said Cadet 3rd Class Gerrett Cook, a chemistry major at the Citadel. "There's been a lot more mental pressure than I was expecting from being placed in leadership positions, but I know I'll use this experience and the leadership training in my future job in the Air Force."

## Dorm residents!

Is your dorm room cluttered and you think you don't have enough space? Are you looking for a better way to maximize the space you do have? Or do you think you are the expert on dorm living?

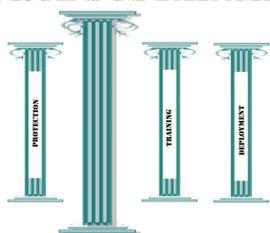
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security,” he said. “If we were driving and getting fired at, one of the tactics was to drive faster.”

In addition to learning driving tactics, weapons and special medical training was needed because each team member carried multiple weapons from automatic rifles to various grenades. The team also received special radio training so they could talk to the Army or call in close air support or medivac helicopters, if necessary.

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“We applied all that training to our combat missions,” the major said. “It was a dangerous, but important job.”

Balad continues to

be a dangerous and volatile area for deployed members, said Col. Angela Layman, AFOSI Region 4 commander.

“I breathed a sigh of release upon his end of duty at Balad, and am so glad to have him at Tyndall, safe and sound,” she said. “Agents that worked for him while deployed have told me how glad they were to have Marty as their boss. This same sentiment is echoed by the folks at Tyndall. I am lucky to have him here in (Air Education and Training Command).”

Major DeStazio returned home from Balad more than a year ago, but he still thinks of his team nearly every day, he said.

“They are the ones who did all the stuff day in and day out,” he said. “They were common people doing uncommon things. The Bronze Star is for them.”



Courtesy photo

**Maj. Marty DeStazio, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 419 commander, takes a break from a routine counterintelligence mission near Balad Air Base, Iraq in Feb. 2004.**

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under a daily threat of death, fight to achieve a unified Iraq that reflects the will of the Iraqi people. A country where human rights are valued and political differences are respected.

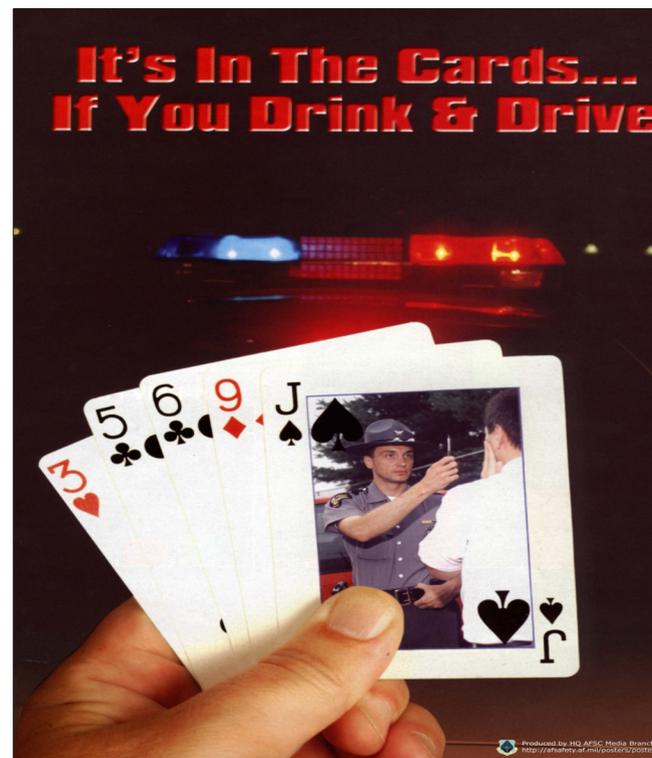
So let us not forget that the freedoms that we enjoy today were not gained in one day — just as the freedoms of the Iraqi people will take many years to achieve.

As Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafar told the United Nations, “The children of Iraq are just like yours — they don’t

want to lose their fathers and turn to orphans. The women of Iraq are just like yours — they don’t want to lose their husbands and turn to widows.”

No one said this struggle was going to be easy. We know from experience that it’s not. But one thing’s for sure, every single one of us here today, through our love and devotion for our great nation, is willing to sacrifice so that one day Iraq, like us, will be free to enjoy ...

“... liberty and justice for all.”



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**Twilight Movie Night**  
 Come out and enjoy a movie under the stars with **free** popcorn at the Community Center every Friday.  
 Show time is 8 p.m.  
**August Schedule**  
 Tonight - Star Wars Part 4, 5 & 6  
 Aug. 19 - Star Wars Part 1 & 2  
 Aug. 26 - Easy Rider

In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown in the Community Center Ballroom. Some movies might not be suitable for younger audiences.

For more information call  
**283-2495**

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**Tyndall IDOL**  
**TONIGHT**  
**The Zone**  
**6 p.m.**

**Bonita Bay Sealed Bid Auction**  
 115 hp motors and pontoon trailer  
*(All items sold as is)*  
 Bids accepted Aug. 13 - Aug. 28.  
 Minimum bid on both motors \$750;  
 \$100 trailer.

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 All Ranks at the O' Club  
**FRIDAY**  
**5:30 - 8:30 PM**  
 Southern fried chicken with white gravy, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes & collard greens  
 Chicken fried steak with white gravy, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes, & collard greens  
 Stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, chef's vegetables, & black eyed peas  
 All meals include dinner salad, cornbread & pecan pie



## Attention Team Tyndall: Place a *free* classified ad in the Gulf Defender

Military classified ads are placed in the Gulf Defender on a space available basis. Ads must be for a one-time sale of personal goods and should include a complete description, 30 words or less, of item being sold. Forms must be turned in by 2 p.m. Thursday for publication in the following Friday's Gulf Defender. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 445 Suwannee Rd. Ste. 129 Tyndall AFB, FL 32403, or faxed to (850) 283-3225.

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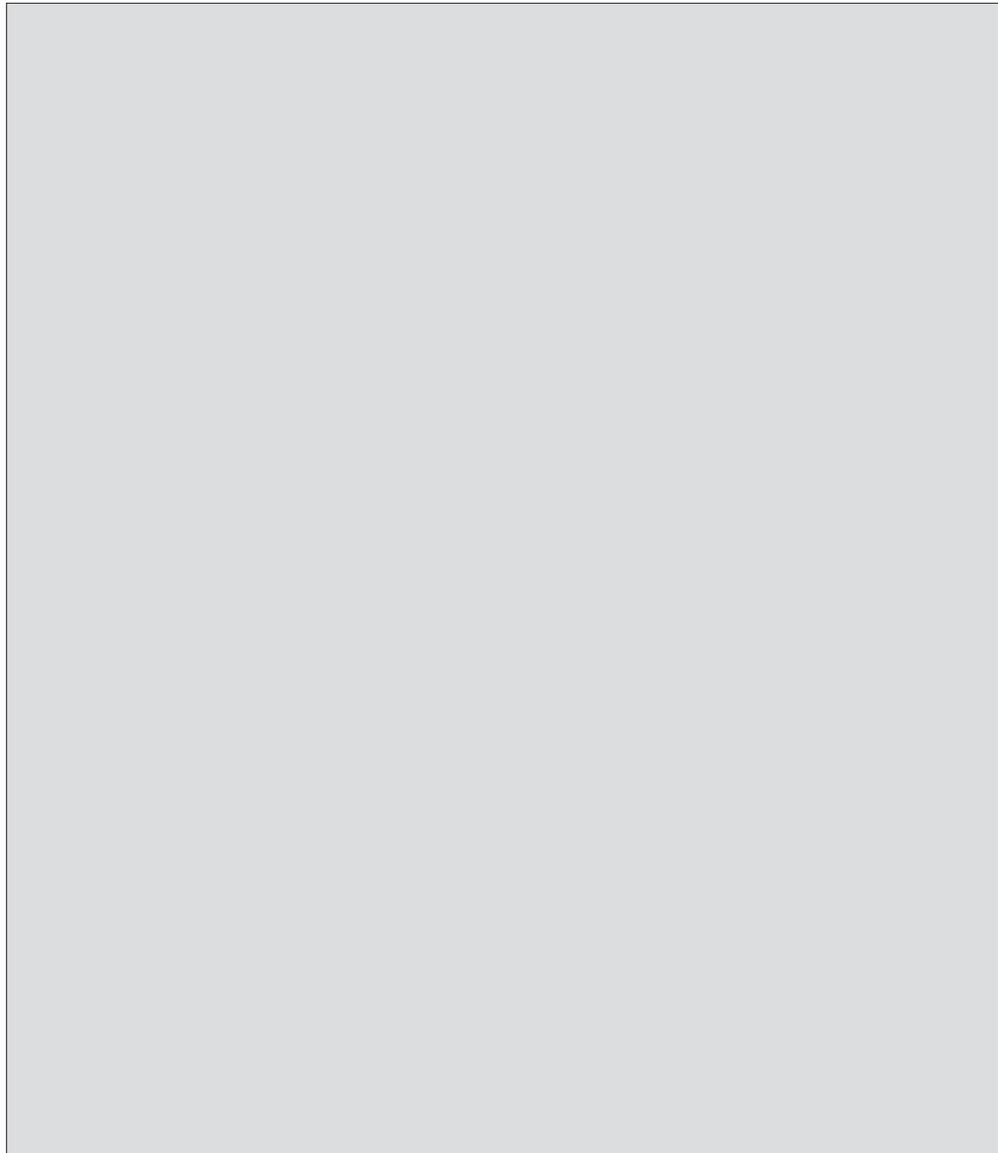
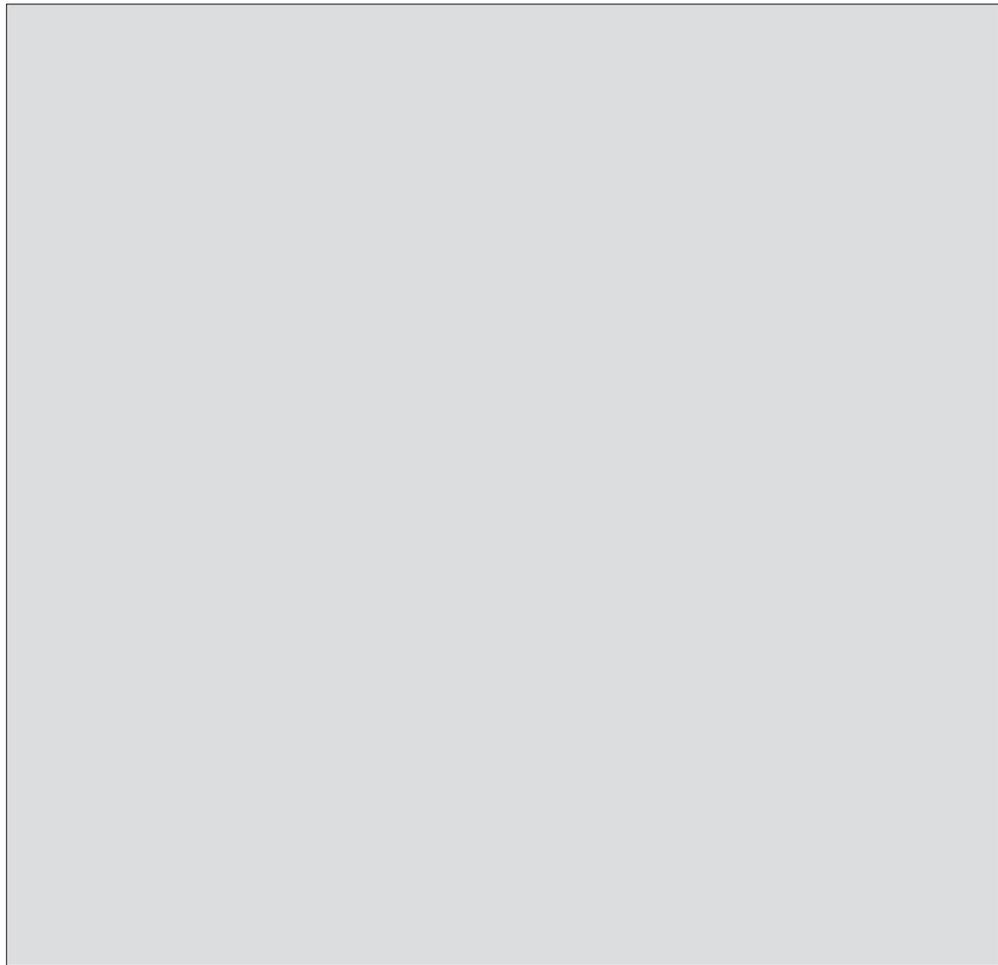
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● **FROM DEPLOY PAGE 4** here, and out of the hub, with (their) name on it.”

This means Airmen should return home within five days from the date they are given by their unit deployment managers.

“What’s great about this plan is the wait time (at the hub) will be measured in hours, not days,” Colonel Mason said.

CENTAF’s first full aggregation plan will also prevent hundreds of Airmen from landing at Baltimore/Wash-

ington International Airport at the same time, all looking for a commercial seat. The plan will allow Airmen to fly back to their original point in a chartered aircraft.

“If you flew all the way from Texas on a military aircraft, we are going to get you all the way back to Texas on a military aircraft,” said Staff Sgt. Shawn Smallwood. “There will be less confusion, and Airmen won’t have to book their own travel.”

Airmen will also know further out when their replace-

ments will arrive. This will allow more time for outprocessing and better turn-over.

“During the last rotation some people didn’t find out their replacement was on a plane until a few hours out,” Sergeant Harm said. “That won’t happen this rotation.”

The new plan not only benefits deployed Airmen, but the Air Force as a whole. Because officials know when Airmen are arriving and departing, they can schedule airlift accordingly.

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completely logged with date, time and name of the person who wrote the note.

“Special alerts are built into the system to notify the provider of any drug allergies, critical laboratory results or medication incompatibilities” Colonel Kulund added. “The system also includes wellness reminders, specific to age and gender, and will inform medical staff when screening exams are due. Readiness information will also be available at the touch of a finger.”

CHCS II is transmitted on a secure network to a central data depository. Records can be retrieved when needed. Security measures and full confidentiality will be en-

sured. The CHCS II system is in full compliance with national guidelines specific to electronic patient records, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The goal of the 325th Medical Group health staff is to ensure a continued provision of safe and efficient quality care to the entire patient population during this transition period.

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